

Farm Bill Update

- Agriculture Act of 2014 enacted February 7, 2014
- **Provisions Effective Immediately**
 - Wage verification using the National Directory of New Hires
 - Prohibiting Government Sponsored Recruitment Activities
 - Retailers must pay for their own EBT equipment

Retailers Pay Cost of EBT Equipment

Types of Equipment

- Government (EBT Only)
- Commercial (EBT, Credit and Debit)
- Approximately 6,000 Retailers use Commercial equipment in NC
- Approximately 5,500 Retailers use Government equipment in NC

Effective February 7, 2014

- Authorized FNS Retailers must purchase EBT equipment
- Approximately 200 Authorized Retailers in NC are exempt
- FIS will offer equipment to Retailers using government equipment a fee as low as possible

Exempt Retailers

Description	Store or Meal Service
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	Meal Service
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	Store
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	Meal Service
Communal Dining Facility	Meal Service
Direct Marketing Farmer	Store
Farmers' Market	Store
Group Living Arrangement	Meal Service
Homeless Meal Provider	Meal Service
Military Commissary	Store
Meal Delivery Service	Meal Service
Senior Citizens' Center/Residential Building	Meal Service

USDA Notification to Retailers

- USDA notification to all Authorized Retailers
- FIS notification to Authorized Retailers

Refer Retailers that contact county to:

USDA Food and Nutrition Service at
RPMDHQ-WEB@fns.usda.gov